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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1632

COHEN ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/964,899

FILED: SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

FOR: IDENTIFICATION OF GENES INVOLVED IN ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE USING DROSOPHILA MELANOGASTER

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The Office Action dated January 29, 2004 has a shortened statutory period of time set to expire on April 29, 2004. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a One-month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. With this extension of time, the Response to the Office Action is due on or before May 29, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Response to the Office action begins on page 19.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Petition for One-Month
Extension Of Time

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